CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   1.   A method for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing

2.   via an internet web site, the method comprising the steps of:

3.   entering the home page of the web site;

4.   querying users for their sign-in identification to establish whether they are

5.   pre-registered user members or non-members;

6.   presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions

7.   and content;

8.   presenting non-members with a choice of different functions and content;

9.   presenting both members and non-members with a choice of common

10.   functions and content.

1.   2.   The method set forth in claim 1 wherein member choice of functions and

2.   content include depositing funds into the members pre-established accounts; and

3.   permitting the members to select an offered lottery game to play after a

4.   choice is made as to payment thereof.

1.   3.   The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the member choices of functions and

2.   content includes accessing a member's account for selectively determining its

3.   current balance, history of wins and loses, and subscriptions for play that are

4.   currently active.

1.   4.   The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the non-members choice of functions

2.   and content includes the establishment of an account for future play.

1   5.   The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the common functions and content

2   for members and non-members selectively includes accessing information

3   concerning: the web site, gambling addiction, and descriptions of the games that

4   may be played.

1   6.   A method for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing

2   via an internet web site, the method comprising the steps of:

3   accessing an internet web site server;

4   connecting the web server to a transaction server via a security firewall;

5   selectively connecting the transaction server to a state lottery system either

6   through:

7   a) a modem connection;

8   b) direct high speed connection; or

9   c) an intermediary manual re-entry of member orders from members,

10   received at the web site.

1   7.   A system for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing

2   via an internet web site, the system comprising:

3   means for entering the home page of the web site;

4   means for querying users for their sign-in identification to establish whether

5   they are pre-registered user members or non-members;

6   means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member

7   functions and content;

8   means for presenting non-members with a choice of different functions and

9   content; and

10   means for presenting both members and non-members with a choice of

11   common functions and content.

1 8.   The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member choice of

2 functions and content comprises:

3   means for depositing funds into the members pre-established accounts; and

4   means for permitting the members to select an offered lottery game to play

5 after a choice is made as to payment thereof.

1 9.   The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member choice of

2 functions and content comprises:

3   means for accessing a member's account for selectively determining its

4 current balance, history of wins and loses, and subscriptions for play that are

5 currently active.

1 10.   The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting non-member choice

2 of functions and content comprises means for establishing an account for future

3 play.

1 11.   The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member and non-

2 member choice of functions and content comprises means for accessing information

3 concerning: the web site, gambling addiction, and descriptions of the games that

4 may be played.

1 12.   A system for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing

2 via an internet web site, the system comprising:

3   means for accessing an internet web site web server; and

4   means connecting the web server to a transaction server via a security

5 firewall;

6   means for selectively connecting the transaction server to a state lottery

7 system either through:

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8   a) a modem connection;

9   b) direct high speed connection; or

10   c) an intermediary manual re-entry of member orders received from

11   members at the web site.